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The Governor proposes to reduce funding for the Public Library Foundation (PLF) by \$2.2 million; the PLF provides grants to local libraries for such basic operating expenses as maintaining hours of operation, book and periodical purchases, and library database and computer access. In addition, the Governor proposes to cut operational expense for the State Library by \$170,000 (which equates to less than 1 percent of the Library's state operational budget).

Additional adjustments include: (1) a reduction of \$828,000 to Library Development Services, which provides programs and services to local libraries such as access to licensed databases, telecommunication links among libraries, and electronic loan of materials; (2) a reduction of \$276,000 to the English Acquisition Programs, which provides community-based English-acquisition and implementation of an automated Braille and Talking Book Library. literacy development programs for adults; and (3) an augmentation of \$329,000 to support the acquisition and implementation of an automated Braille and Talking Book Library.